

WOOTTON RAMPS AND RIDERS



*Alison, Petra, Robbie and Tom
with the workmen on
Day One*

**Work begins on
Wootton Skate
Park
29 July 2013**



29 JULY 2013
DAY 1



Tom and Robbie getting ready to start digging



With the help of diggers

30 JULY 2013
DAY 2



10am Digger broken down!!! Engineer on his way.
Out with the old and in with the new.

31 JULY 2013
DAY 3



Hardcore being laid today in the rain.

1 AUGUST 2013
DAY 4



Plans for Skatepark as submitted by Gravity



1 AUGUST 2013
DAY 4



First load of concrete laid today

A hot sunny day perfect for a quick set



2 AUGUST 2013
DAY 5



End of week 1, concrete left to dry out

7 AUGUST 2013
DAY 6 Week2



2nd phase of concrete laid in one hour



15 tons
of
concrete
laid
today
2.5 tons
per
metre



7 AUGUST 2013
DAY 6



Cement covered
with plastic to
allow it to
sweat and
dryout
without
cracking, and to
stop children
from riding
bikes on it before
it is ready



1st lorry load of rubble
being delivered

8 AUGUST 2013
DAY 7



5 lorry loads of rubble delivered 100 tons

9 AUGUST 2013
DAY 8



Another
100 tons
of rubble
delivered today

Ramps being
built up
ready for
finer rubble to
go on
next week



9 AUGUST 2013
DAY 8



"Make sure you get it right boys, I suppose I better check!"



Even the digger cannot do the impossible

*Next phase ready for cement on Monday
End of Week 2*

12 AUGUST 2013
DAY 9



Another 30 tons of cement laid today



Ground level flat areas now complete

Another 140 tons of rubble to be delivered tomorrow

13 AUGUST 2013
DAY 10



Level concrete all now in place



More rubble being delivered



14 AUGUST 2013
DAY 11



End ramp almost ready for concreting and
ironwork ready and waiting to be put in place



Another 6 square metres of concrete to be laid
tomorrow, using 15 tons of cement

15 AUGUST 2013
DAY 12



The power float is used to smooth the cement to a glass like finish, the edges are done by hand, another 40 tons of large rubble and 100 tons of finer rubble have been delivered to complete the ramps



16 AUGUST 2013
DAY 13



Builders waiting to weld iron work but rain stopped play

More concrete to be laid next week

End of Week 3

19 AUGUST 2013
DAY 14



Thoughtful discussion taking place by on site surveyors



20 AUGUST 2013
DAY 15



Cement being laid and smoothed off on top of ramp

22 AUGUST 2013
DAY 17



Side of the flat area

21 AUGUST 2013
DAY 16



Frames being prepared for cement to be sprayed along the length of the ramp



22 AUGUST 2013
DAY 17



*Iron work for jump box in place ready for the next stage,
more rubble to build it up to level ready to cement*

23 AUGUST 2013
DAY 18



*Jump box has been filled with
rubble*

*Concrete being straightened up
round edges*

End of Week 4



27 AUGUST 2013
DAY 19



Overall view of the site and today's action



27 AUGUST 2013
DAY 19



Another section of concrete
being trowelled perfectly
smooth

More rubble building up the
bowl area



28 AUGUST 2013
DAY 20

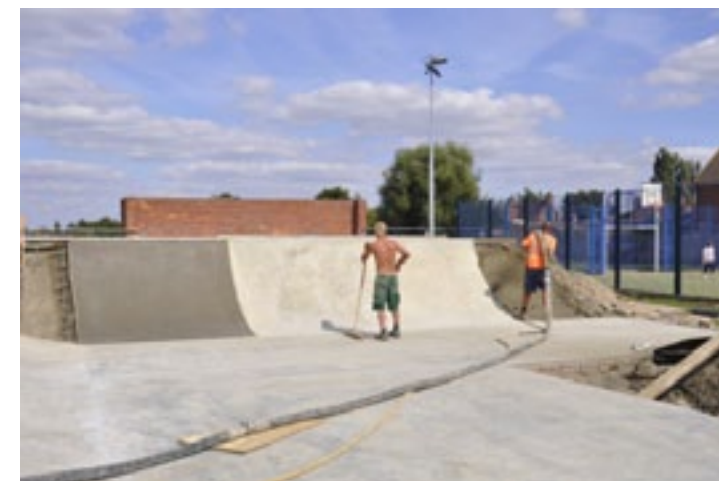


Another section being completed

29 AUGUST 2013
DAY 21



More sections of the ramps
completed



29 AUGUST 2013
DAY 21



Jump box
being
prepared for
concrete to be
sprayed in
to form ramps



How much concrete is this going to need to fill?

30 AUGUST 2013
DAY 22

Jump box
ramp being
completed



3 sections
of end ramp
now
complete

Beginning to
look like a
Skate Park

End of
week 5



2 September 2013
DAY 23



3 September 2013
DAY 24



Second ramp taking shape
Ironwork and framework in place ready for concrete

Earth being moved into place to finish off outer sides



Ramp leading to bowl, top flat section concreted

4 September 2013
DAY 25



3 September 2013
DAY 24



Roll in ramp leading down onto jump box being completed



Bowl now taking shape
ironwork being welded in place and rubble almost ready for concrete

Jump box concrete now hardened and both ramps on this complete

5 September 2013
DAY 26



Roll in and box ramp concrete all dry and complete



Ironwork for the bowl all now welded into place

6 September 2013
DAY 26



*More rubble added to bowl ready for concreting on Monday, another top section completed today
end of Week 6*

9 September 2013
DAY 27



*Very wet day today but work continues
Final ramp being concreted*

10 September 2013
DAY 28



End section of bowl and one section of the end ramp completed



Mesh being added to bowl to form the shape and strengthen the concrete

11 September 2013
DAY 29



Another section of the end ramp leading into the bowl being completed



Just waiting for another load of concrete to be delivered

13 September 2013
DAY 31



The bowl is really beginning to take shape today

Final section of the end ramp being prepared for concrete to be applied

End of Week 7



16 September 2013
DAY 32



Sections being prepared for concrete to be laid

17 September 2013
DAY 33



Two more sections of the bowl being completed

Rail being cemented into place

18 September 2013
DAY 34



Far end ramp now completed

Outside of bowl being
concreted

19 September 2013
DAY 35



Iron work
being
completed
ready for
concreting

19 September 2013
DAY 35



Outside ramp of bowl being completed
Small ramp completed - another wet day



20 September 2013
DAY 36



Final sections of the bowl being
completed

Side of jump box ready for next
delivery of concrete on Tuesday

End of Week 8



23 September 2013
DAY 37



26 September 2013
DAY 40



24 September 2013
DAY 38



Wedges being
completed



25 September 2013
DAY 39



Seat and bin replaced



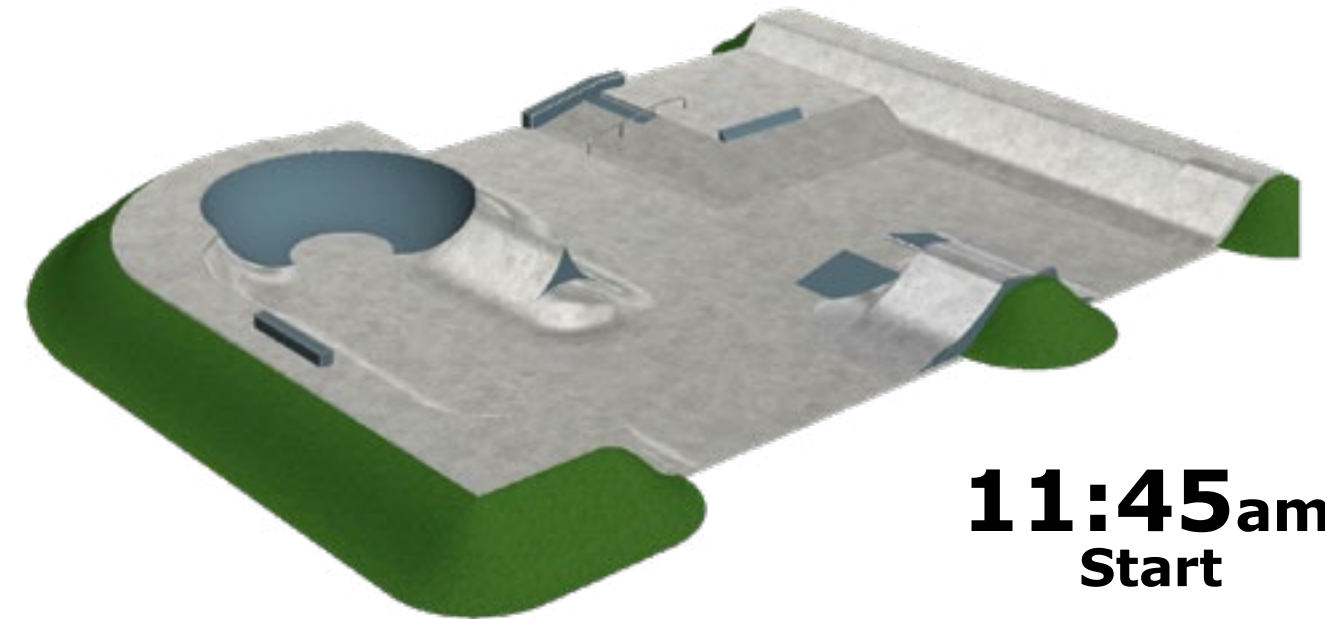
Signs put up ready for opening day

Skatepark now all completed ready for Opening Day



Wootton Skate Park Official Opening

Saturday 28th September



11:45am
Start



Refreshments available • Music



12:30pm - Official opening

12:45pm - Demonstration by Motive skate team

1:00pm - Skate with the help of the Motive team



*A massive thank you to the funders/donators that made this possible:
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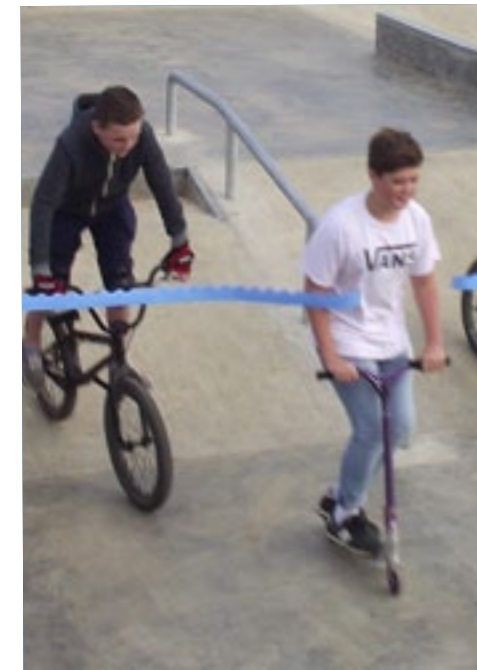


Poster designed by Robbie Warman

28 September 2013
Opening Day



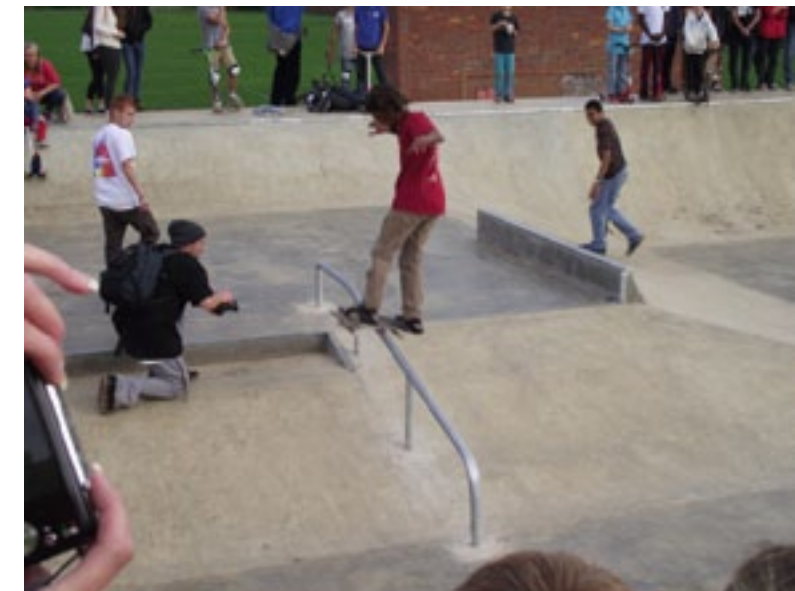
The Ramps and Riders team Josh Robbie Luke and Tom with Wootton Parish Councillors John Wheeler Malcolm Chalmers and Mayor Dave Hodgson



Luke Josh Robbie and Tom Finally opening the Skatepark



Following their donation to the Skatepark, members of Wootton Womens Institute and their husbands attend the opening





The Motive Team Flying through the air



Fantastic curves and lines of Wootton Skatepark



Photographs by Gravity Engineering Limited



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*ITV Anglia news interviews
the Wootton Ramps and Riders Team*



*Paul and Brendan from
Gravity Engineering
celebrating
completion with
Alison and Petra from
Wootton
Ramps and Riders*

*A good day was
had by all*

2:47PM, SUN 29 SEP 2013
CHILDREN BUILD SKATE PARK
Children build their own skate park
Last updated Sun 29 Sep 2013
UK Wootton Bedfordshire

A group of young people in Bedfordshire have won their battle for a skate park in their village after persuading the parish council it should be built.

The new skate park in Wootton, near Bedford Credit: ITV

The park in Wootton near Bedford took just under 18 months to build and opened this weekend.

It cost more than a hundred thousand pounds but went ahead after the 11 year olds made a presentation at a parish meeting and handed over a 700 signature petition.

The young people were involved in the management of the project at every stage, including raising the funds needed to build it.

Report from ITV Anglia News